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**ANCHORAGE MAN NETS 10 YEAR SENTENCE IN FEDERAL PRISON
ON DRUG-TRAFFICKING CHARGES**

Anchorage, Alaska – United States Attorney Nelson P. Cohen announced today, October 25, 2007, that Jarré Rashawn Lee, a resident of Anchorage, Alaska, was sentenced in federal court in Anchorage to 120 months for his convictions of possession of controlled substances with intent to distribute and possession of firearms in furtherance of drug trafficking.

United States District Court Judge Ralph R. Beistline imposed the sentence on Lee, age 20, of 237 N. Park Street in Anchorage.

According to information presented to the court by Special Assistant United States Erin White, Lee entered the Outback Steak House, located at 101 West 34th Avenue on May 15, 2007 with Jordan Shanholtzer, who instigated a fight with a juvenile patron of the restaurant. Lee also participated in the fight. APD Lieutenant Paul Honeman was having dinner in the restaurant that night, and he detained Shanholtzer. Lee ran from the restaurant, and a police chase ensued. Anchorage Police apprehended Lee across the street from the restaurant. At the time of the apprehension, Lee had a loaded .45 caliber pistol and 15.1 grams of cocaine base, or crack, in his possession.

Prior to imposing sentence, Judge Beistline noted the importance of deterring Lee and other potential defendants from serious criminal behavior.

Mr. Cohen commended the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives and the Anchorage Police Department for the investigation leading to the successful prosecution of Lee. SAUSA White is one of two prosecutors in the U.S. Attorney's Office who are funded by the Municipality of Anchorage for the purpose of prosecuting gang-related and violent crime cases.

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